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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED], O/DCI

SUBJECT: Spaceonics

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1. In response to your inquiry yesterday regarding the visit of the Spaceonics representatives, I have discussed this matter with [REDACTED] and as best I can determine the pertinent facts appear to be as follows.

2. The Electronic Tool Company is a subsidiary of Spaceonics and several former acquaintances of [REDACTED] from his Navy Research days had gone to work in the Spaceonics organization. As a result of this association, there was a time at least two years ago when these former acquaintances referred two proposals, that he recalls, for his consideration. One of these had to do with a rendezvous beacon, the particulars of the other he cannot remember but was in the same general vein of a beacon of some sort. At that time and even today we are interested in rendezvous beacons that would be effective on the ground. The Spaceonics proposal, however, was aerial and we did not then and do not now have any application for such a device.

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